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**Cubans Must Not Be
Abandoned by U.S.**

To the Editor: There is an old saying in Spanish-speaking countries which, loosely translated, would mean that man is the only animal that stumbles twice on the same rock. On April 4, while reading Charles Bartlett's article, "Few Exiles See Overthrow of Castro in Near Future," the old proverb came back to my mind.

It is revealed how four training camps for exile guerrillas are again operating in Central and South America. Conscious of the astronomical cost of these operations I could not help but wonder if the CIA was again active in these endeavors. I shuddered and felt for the patriotic young men who today leave for the camps even from far-away Minnesota.

WE CUBANS cannot forget that soon it will be three years since the CIA architects of the Bay of Pigs deposited on the now famous beachhead 1,500

of our countrymen aged 16 to 60, a third with no military training, to face an army of 60,000. The strategy was supposedly based on scheduled internal uprising. But the well announced arrival of the "invaders" provoked mass arrests of more than 100,000 people in the island. The rest of the story has been well divulged. Except that nine of the invaders still rot in Cuban prisons, forgotten victims of the disaster, despite the fanfare surrounding the liberation of the prisoners from the Bay of Pigs.

We Cubans were certain that a grand scale investigation would be conducted. We felt that Americans deserved to know at what fabulous cost were these 1,500 men placed on Cuban soil. However, a few months after the debacle there were indications that the CIA was again active in the affairs of the Cuban exiles.

SEVERAL years ago we came to this country seeking leadership. Castro had sparked a revolt toward liberal democracy and then betrayed us to communism. We found the admirable American people willing to absorb us in a program that has been unique in history. But, however successful, many of us have also felt that in a way it has failed for it has made no contribution to the overthrow of Castroism. Beyond our personal well being is the plight of our suffering people in Cuba fighting communism. They must not be abandoned.—Godwall F. Maceo, St. Paul.